

**Draft**

March 17, 2005

The Honorable Jay W. Johnson  
Director  
United States Mint  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Director Johnson:

In accordance with your letter dated June 5, 2000, I am happy to respond that the citizens of the State of Rhode Island have enthusiastically chosen design #1, "Vintage sailboat on the Narragansett Bay (RI-1)" as their choice for the Rhode Island commemorative quarter.

On behalf of our citizens I am pleased to convey this choice to you. We look forward to working with you and your staff as you prepare for the issuance of this commemorative coin in May of 2001.

Sincerely,

Lincoln C. Almond  
Governor